



President Barack Obama walks with House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi of Calif., right and House Minority Assistant Leader James Clyburn of S.C., as he visits Capitol Hill in Washington, Friday, June 12, 2015. The U.S. House sidetracked a high-profile White House-backed trade bill on Friday.

(AP Photo/Carolyn Kaster)

# US House Rejects Obama on Trade Authority

**Associated Press**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** —

The U.S. House of Representatives sidetracked a

high-profile White House-backed trade bill on Friday, a blow to a pending Asian trade deal and a humili-

ating defeat for President Barack Obama inflicted by members of his own party. The 302-126 vote leaves

the trade legislation in perilous limbo and came a few hours after Obama journeyed to Congress to de-

liver a last-minute personal plea to fellow Democrats.

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## Iraq militias say they don't need US help in Anbar operation

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**Associated Press**

**KESSARRAT, Iraq (AP)** — Ali Ahsan paced back and forth carrying a rifle more than half his height in the searing heat as his militia convoy made a pit stop in the Anbar desert to rest and pray.

Unlike the rugged men in fatigues around him, his

ity last year. "The Popular Mobilization Forces are not sectarian forces. They represent all of Iraq, and I want to help them liberate Iraq." Despite concerns over heightened sectarian strife, Shiite militiamen continue to pour into Iraq's Sunni heartland of Anbar province with the initial hope of recapturing Fallujah, the

ing Defense Secretary Ash Carter to lament that the U.S.-trained Iraqi troops lacked "the will to fight." The Popular Mobilization Forces were called to battle in Anbar after the fall of Ramadi, despite concerns that their involvement in the province would antagonize the Sunni population, and they are now setting

force of more than 3,000 soldiers already in Iraq followed his acknowledgment earlier this week that Washington still lacks a "complete strategy" for training Iraqi forces to fight the Islamic State. A U.S.-led coalition has launched more than 1,900 airstrikes in Iraq since August 2014 to mixed results.

Many of the Shiite fighters, including Ahsan and his uncle, Salah Mahdi, believe that airstrikes have been a hindrance to their efforts to recapture territory — and in some cases, have been deadly.

"We know of Hashd al-Shaabi fighters who were killed by the American planes," Mahdi said, using the commonly known Arabic name for the Popular Mobilization Forces. "If they really wanted to help us, then they would leave Iraqis to liberate Iraq by themselves." The Popular Mobilization Forces have played a key role in several battles in the past year, but their strategy appears increasingly at odds with that of the government. While Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi continues to lobby for greater international support in the way of arms, training and aid, the Popular Mobilization Forces want the coalition to back off.

Noting the increased number of U.S. advisers, trainers, logisticians and security personnel, al-Amiri scoffed at the notion that an additional "450 experts will be able to win the battle."

"There were 150,000 American troops, thousands of tanks and mortars, and hundreds of jets, and they were unable to do anything to al-Qaida in 2006 and 2007," al-Amiri said.

While there are no official estimates for the size of the Popular Mobilization For-

es, they are now believed to make up the majority of fighters in Iraq, outnumbering the official Iraqi military, which virtually crumbled in the face of the militant onslaught last year.

A number of the individual militias have said Iranian advisers arm and train their fighters, but officially the Popular Mobilization Force can only receive aid from the Iraqi government, leaving the U.S. somewhat at a loss for how to deal with them. On the cars of the convoy young Ali Ahsan rode in, posters of Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and Iraq's top Shiite cleric Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani decorated the windows and doors.

In Anbar itself, red and green flags with the operation's slogan — "Labaik ya Hussein," or "At your command, Hussein" — flap in the wind and dust alongside posters hailing the Popular Mobilization Forces. The slogan is in honor of the Prophet Mohammed's grandson, Imam Hussein, who was killed in the 7th century battle that led to the schism between Shiite and Sunni Muslims.

The slogan was dubbed "unhelpful" by the Pentagon last month, but the Popular Mobilization Forces dismissed any notions of sectarianism, saying the Imam Hussein is revered by all Muslims.

"I am not a member of any militia," said Saif Majid, 23, a taxi driver from Baghdad who joined last year when al-Sistani called on Iraqis to defend the country. "We are all brothers — Sunnis, Shiites, everyone."

As for whether the operation will yield success quickly, Ahsan is hopeful.

"God willing," the teenager said. "I have to go back in school in September." □



**Fighters from the Badr Brigades Shiite militia flash V signs for victory, during a patrol at the front line, in Kessarrat, located 70 kilometers north west of Baghdad, Iraq, Friday, June 12, 2015. Despite concerns over heightened sectarian strife, Shiite militiamen continue to pour into Iraq's Anbar province with the hope of recapturing the city of Fallujah from the Islamic State group. As the U.S. prepares to send an additional 450 trainers to Iraq, the Iranian-backed militias say that coalition assistance only hurts their efforts, contradicting statements by the Iraqi government that more international support is needed.**

(AP Photo/Hadi Mizban)

prepubescent face has barely sprung a whisker. Now that school is out, the petite 14-year-old is spending his summer break fighting the Islamic State group with his father and other members of Iraq's Popular Mobilization Forces, which includes the Shiite militias. "I'm here because it's my duty," the stone-faced boy in blue jeans said, referring to an edict from Iraq's highest Shiite religious author-

first major Iraqi city to fall to the Islamic State group last year.

As the U.S. prepares to send an additional 450 personnel to Iraq, the Iranian-backed militias say that coalition assistance only hurts their efforts, contradicting statements by the Iraqi government that more international support is needed. IS fighters captured Anbar's provincial capital of Ramadi last month, prompt-

their sights on Fallujah.

"We think the liberation of Fallujah will allow us to enter Ramadi without any fighting, so the battle that we are preparing is the battle of Fallujah," Hadi al-Amiri, the head of the Popular Mobilization Forces, told journalists Friday at an outpost on the Salahuddin-Anbar border. "God willing, it will be imminent."

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The measure would allow him to negotiate global trade deals, including one with 11 Asian nations near completion, that Congress could approve or reject but not change.

The debate and vote are certain to reverberate in next year's presidential election. Most Republican contenders favor the trade bill.

Among Democrats, Hillary Clinton is uncommitted, despite calls by rivals to take a position.

Business groups generally favor the measure. But strong opposition by organized labor carries at least an implicit threat to the reelection of any Democrat who votes in the bill's favor. "Slow down the fast track to get a better deal for the America people," Democratic House Leader Nancy Pelosi said in a speech that drew handshakes and hugs from union-backed Democrats who have labored for months to reject Obama's request for "fast track" authority in trade talks. Obama drew applause when he walked into the meeting with Democrats, but sharp words after he left and few if any conversions for his efforts. The president's hastily arranged visit to Congress marked a last-minute bid to stave off a stinging defeat at the hands of his own party.

His visit relegated much of the debate on the House floor to the status of a side-show. Republicans command a majority in the House, and Speaker John Boehner and



**House Speaker John Boehner of Ohio walks toward the House floor on Capitol Hill in Washington, Friday, June 12, 2015. The U.S. House of Representatives sidetracked a high-profile White House-backed trade bill on Friday, a blow to a pending Asian trade deal and a humiliating defeat for President Barack Obama inflicted by members of his own party.**

(AP Photo/Pablo Martinez Monsivais)

the Republican leadership worked in harness with Obama to pass the legislation. But there were many defections among Republicans unwilling to expand the president's authority and not nearly enough Democrats supporting him for the bill to prevail.

The outcome was also a triumph for organized labor, which had lobbied law-

makers furiously to oppose the measure that union officials warned would lead to the loss of thousands of American jobs.

Technically, the vote was on a portion of the legislation to renew federal aid for workers who lose their jobs through imports.

A second roll call followed on the trade negotiating powers themselves, and

the House approved that measure, 219-211. But under the rules in effect, the overall legislation, previously approved by the Senate, could not advance to the White House unless both halves were agreed to.

That made votes something less than a permanent rejection of the legislation. Republican Rep. Paul Ryan, a former vice

presidential nominee, chairman of the House committee that deals with trade and a supporter of the measure, told reporters, "This isn't over yet."

The White House agreed. "Our work is not done yet," said presidential press secretary Josh Earnest. He compared the day's events to a temporary setback in the Senate that was followed by the trade bill's passage.

Pelosi said the bill was "stuck in the station," suggesting that changes could get it moving again. Even so, it was unclear how majority Republicans and the White House would be able to gain the momentum.

"Basically the president tried to both guilt people and then impugn their integrity," said Congressman Peter DeFazio, a Democrat and one of the most outspoken opponents of the legislation.

Another Democrat, Congressman Steve Cohen, said Obama had told Democrats that "his whole philosophy, life, everything he's done has been to help people. And he thinks he's doing that with this trade agreement." □

### In Hastert case;

## US attorneys want some evidence kept secret

**CHICAGO (AP)** — U.S. prosecutors want to keep some evidence in the case against the former leader of the U.S. House of Representatives secret, even after the proceedings have ended. Dennis Hastert was once one of the most powerful men in Washing-

ton and during his term as speaker from 1999 to 2007 stood second in line to the U.S. presidency.

Prosecutors filed a motion Friday seeking a protective order on any discovery the U.S. Attorney's Office provides Dennis Hastert's lawyers. They're

asking U.S. District Judge Thomas Durkin to order that the information cannot be disclosed to anyone not involved in the case. They say Hastert's lawyers do not oppose the request.

Hastert is accused of agreeing to pay \$3.5 million to someone described

in an indictment as "Individual A" to keep past misconduct secret. The former teacher and coach pleaded not guilty to charges of violating banking laws and lying to the FBI. Durkin has scheduled a hearing for Thursday. Hastert is not required to attend. □



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## US Officials: Second hack exposed military and intel data

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**Associated Press**

**WASHINGTON (AP)**—Hackers linked to China appear to have gained access to the sensitive background information submitted by intelligence and military personnel for security clearances, several U.S. officials said Friday, describing a second cyberbreach of federal records that could dramatically compound the potential damage.

The forms authorities believed to have been accessed, require applicants to fill out deeply personal information about mental illnesses, drug and alcohol use, past arrests and bankruptcies. They also require the listing of contacts and relatives, potentially exposing any foreign relatives of U.S. intelligence employees to coercion. Both the applicant's national identification number and that of his or her cohabitant is required.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because the security clearance material is classified. "This tells the Chinese the

people to function as an intelligence officer. The database also tells the Chinese an enormous amount of information about al-

which was the target of the hack, has not officially notified military or intelligence personnel whose security clearance data was breached, but news of the second hack was starting to circulate in both the Pentagon and the CIA.

The officials said they believe the hack into the security clearance database was separate from the breach of federal personnel data announced last week — a breach that is itself appearing far worse than first believed. It could not be learned whether the security database breach happened when an OPM contractor was hacked in 2013, an attack that was discovered last year. Members of Congress received classified briefings about that breach in September, but there was no mention of security clearance information being exposed.

The OPM had no immediate comment Friday. Nearly all of the millions of

security clearance holders, including CIA, National Security Agency and military special operations personnel, are potentially exposed in the security clearance breach, the officials said. More than 2.9 million people had been investigated for a security clearance as of October 2014, according to government records.

In the hack of standard personnel records announced last week, two people briefed on the investigation disclosed Friday that as many as 14 million current and former civilian U.S. government employees have had their information exposed to hackers, a far higher figure than the 4 million the Obama administration initially disclosed.

American officials have said that cybertheft originated in China and that they suspect espionage by the Chinese government, which has denied any involvement. □



**A gate leading to the Homeland Security Department headquarters in northwest Washington. Hackers linked to China appear to have gained access to the sensitive background information submitted by intelligence and military personnel for security clearances, several U.S. officials said Friday.**

(AP Photo/Susan Walsh)

identities of almost everybody who has got a United States security clearance," said Joel Brenner, a former top U.S. counterintelligence official. "That makes it very hard for any of those

most everyone with a security clearance. That's a gold mine. It helps you approach and recruit spies." The Office of Personnel Management, a central personnel database,



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## California orders large water cuts for farmers

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SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)

— As California grapples with a relentless drought, state regulators on Friday ordered farmers and others who hold some of the strongest water rights in the state to stop all pumping from three major waterways in one of country's prime farm regions.

The order involving record cuts by senior water rights holders in the Sacramento, San Joaquin and delta watersheds followed mandatory water curtailment earlier this year to cities and towns and to farmers with less iron-clad water rights. The waterways targeted Friday in the order by the State Water Resources Control Board provide water to farms and cities in the agricultural-rich Central Valley and beyond. Economists and agriculture experts say growing of some crops will shift in the short-term to regions with more water, so the water cuts are expected to have little immediate impact on food prices.

The curtailment order applies to 114 entities — including individual landowners and water districts serving farmers and small communities — with claims dating back to 1914 or before.

It will force thousands of water users in the state to tap groundwater, buy water at rising costs, use previously stored water, or go dry.

"It's going to be a different story for each one of them, and a struggle for all of them," Thomas Howard, executive director of the water board, acknowledged.

It's the first time since a 1977 drought that California has directed a significant number of senior water rights holders to stop pumping because of drought and amounts to the most widespread cuts ever among those with some of the state's strongest water rights.

California water law was built around preserving the water rights of those who staked claims to waterways more than a century ago or have property that abuts the rivers and streams.

Water regulators had spared the senior-rights holders until now but warn that still more cuts will be coming for farmers and others in weeks to follow. People ordered Friday to cut back have water rights going back to 1903.

"We are now at the point where demand in our system is outstripping supply for even the most senior water rights holders," said Caren Trgovcich, chief deputy director of the water board.

Farmers and water districts have promised court battles to stop what are the broadest incursions on record to the water allotted to senior-rights holders.

Jeanne Zolezzi, an attorney for two small irrigation districts serving farmers in the San Joaquin area, says she plans to go to court next week to stop the board's action.

She said her clients include small family farms that grow permanent crops such as apricots and walnuts, and have no back-up supplies in wells or reservoirs.

"A lot of trees would die, and a lot of people would go out of business," said Zolezzi. "We are not talking



**Water irrigates crops on a farm near Dixon, Calif. California, grappling with drought, exacted the broadest water cuts on record Friday, June 12, 2015, among farmers and others holding some of the strongest water rights in the state, directing thousands in one of the country's prime farm regions to stop all pumping from three major waterways.** (AP Photo/Rich Pedroncelli)

about a 25 percent cut like imposed on urban. This is a 100 percent cut, no water supplies."

Jonas Minton, an adviser at the private Planning and Conservation League environmental group, said

droughts of this scale are not unprecedented in California.

What is different, he said, is that the state has grown to a population of 38 million and has vast acres of farmland to irrigate. He

said state bureaucrats or environmentalists can't be blamed.

"Today's curtailments are not being done by choice," Minton said. "They're a reaction to the reality of the shrinking water supply." □

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## 2 charged with conspiring with Boston man to help IS group

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**AP Legal Affairs Writer**

**BOSTON (AP)** — Two men were charged Friday with conspiring to help the Islamic State group by plotting with a Boston terror suspect to kill U.S. citizens in order support the objectives of the terrorist organization.

Nicholas Rovinski, 24, of Warwick, Rhode Island, made an initial appearance in Boston court Friday. David Wright, 25, of Everett, Massachusetts, was arrested last week.

Both men are charged with conspiring with Usaama Rahim, 26, of Boston, who was killed last week by terror investigators who had him under 24-hour surveillance. Authorities say Rahim lunged at police with a military-style knife, but his family has questioned that account, noting that a knife is not seen in a grainy surveillance video cited by authorities.

Rovinski and Wright, Ra-



**In this courtroom sketch, Nicholas Rovinski, second from right, of Warwick, R.I., is depicted standing with his attorney William Fick, right, as Magistrate Judge Donald Cabell, left, presides during a hearing Friday, June 12, 2015, in federal court in Boston. Rovinski is accused of conspiring with Usaama Rahim of Boston, who was killed the previous week by terror investigators who had him under 24-hour surveillance.**

him's nephew, were charged with conspiracy to provide material support to the Islamic State group. Wright told the FBI he met Rovinski about a year ago

through Facebook, and they began communicating, according to an FBI affidavit filed in court. The affidavit says the men initially planned to behead

**(Jane Flavell Collins via AP)**

a political activist who had organized a conference featuring cartoons depicting the Prophet Muhammad.

Rovinski, wearing a blue T-

shirt and gray sweatpants, did not enter a plea at Friday's appearance. His lawyer declined to comment afterward. But earlier, Rovinski's mother, Lori, told reporters, "It's not true. That's all I can say. It'll all come out."

Wright's lawyer, Jessica Hedges, didn't immediately return a call seeking comment on the new charge. Wright has been in custody since his arrest last week on a charge of conspiracy to destroy evidence.

Both Rovinski and Wright are scheduled to appear in court for a detention hearing next week. Prosecutors said Friday that they'll ask for Rovinski to be held without bail until his trial because he poses a threat to public safety.

Wright and Rovinski told authorities that during a meeting with Rahim on May 31 they discussed plans to behead the political activist, identified by authorities as blogger Pamela Geller, according to the affidavit.

Two days later, Rahim called Wright and told him in a recorded conversation that he had "changed plans" and now wanted to attack "those boys in blue," referring to police, either that day or the following day, the affidavit states.

Wright is accused of encouraging Rahim to "be steadfast in his intentions" and to destroy his phone and wipe his laptop computer to prevent law enforcement from searching them. □

## Boston shooting raises questions about CVE plans

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**Associated Press**

**BOSTON (AP)** — The man killed by Boston officers he had threatened with a knife represents the kind of homegrown extremist that a federal pilot program seeks to counter, if what authorities allege is true — and for some, raises doubts of whether the preventative measures are being communicated or can ever even work.

The FBI and Boston police say their joint terrorism task force had been monitoring

Usaama Rahim for some time and had placed him under 24-hour surveillance when they intercepted messages suggesting he imminently planned to attack police.

Rahim was fatally shot June 2 in a drugstore parking lot after, authorities say, he lunged at six task force members with a military-style knife as they sought to question him.

Glenn Katon, legal director for the California-based Muslim Advocates and a critic of the federal pilot

program called Countering Violent Extremism, suggests authorities may have missed an opportunity with Rahim.

"This begs the question of whether CVE is ever going to work, under any circumstance," he said. "I'm really, really skeptical."

Under Countering Violent Extremism, launched to fanfare by the Obama administration in February after months of development, law enforcement and Islamic and community leaders are supposed

work together to tackle terrorism by preventing radicalization from taking root among youths and others vulnerable to extremist propaganda like that spread online by the Islamic State group.

The initiatives, which are also being tested in Los Angeles and Minneapolis and will be rolled out nationwide if deemed effective, take many forms, including town hall discussions, educational and training programs, mentorships, and social media campaigns. □





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## Spokane NAACP leader questioned about her race

**SPOKANE, Washington (AP)** — The leader of a local chapter of a major U.S. group advocating for the rights of African Americans is facing questions about whether she lied about her racial identity, with her family saying she is white but has portrayed herself as black.

Rachel Dolezal, who heads a local branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in northwestern United States, would not answer questions about her background in an interview with a local newspaper. "That question is



In this March, 2015 photo, Spokane NAACP president Rachel Dolezal (right) sings "We Shall Overcome" at a rally in downtown Spokane, Wash. Dolezal is facing questions about whether she lied about her racial identity, with her family saying she is white but has portrayed herself as black.

(Dan Pelle/The Spokesman-Review via AP)

not as easy as it seems," she told The Spokesman-Review Thursday. Dolezal is president of a local branch of the civil-rights organization, an adjunct professor in the Africana Studies Program at Eastern Washington University and chairwoman of the local police overnight board. Authorities say an inquiry is under way into whether Dolezal violated city policies when she stated her racial identity. Dolezal's estranged mother, Ruthanne, said the family is Czech, Swedish and German, with some Native American roots. Ruthanne Dolezal said that

she and her daughter have not been in touch for years but that Rachel Dolezal began to portray herself as African-American eight or nine years ago after the family adopted four black children.

"It's very sad that Rachel has not just been herself," the mother told the newspaper by phone from her home in Montana.

"Her effectiveness in the causes of the African-American community would have been so much more viable and she would have been more effective if she had just been honest with everybody." □



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## Greece set to present fresh proposals to break impasse

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Associated Press

**ATHENS, Greece (AP) —**

Greece said Friday it will present its creditors with new proposals over the weekend in an attempt to breathe life into stalled bailout discussions that have stoked fears of the country's bankruptcy.

Confirmation that talks would proceed over the weekend came after European markets had closed. Fears that the two sides were as far apart as ever on such issues as pensions and the budget saw the main stock index in Athens close 5.9 percent lower and the

Stoxx 50 index of leading European shares end down 1 percent.

A Greek government official indicated a deal with creditors may be nearer than thought after Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras had conferred with senior ministers.

"The Greek side is ready to table counter-proposals to bridge the remaining differences," a government official said.

The official, who was not authorized to discuss the matter on the record, said Greece believes an agreement is "closer than ever" and that Greek representa-

tives will meet those representing the creditors in Brussels on Saturday.

Pressure on Greece to secure a deal is mounting. Greece's 240 billion-euro (\$270 billion) bailout expires June 30, at which point the country will lose access to the rescue loans it desperately needs to repay debts and avoid a default that could force it out of the euro.

The most dramatic sign of an impasse in the discussions had come on Thursday when the International Monetary Fund sent its negotiators home from bailout talks with Greek officials



**Greece's Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras leads a meeting with the Egyptian Defence Minister General Sedki Sobhi Stark at Maximos Mansion in Athens, Friday, June 12, 2015.**

(AP Photo/Thanassis Stavrakis)

in Brussels, citing a lack of progress.

The weekend talks come ahead of a meeting late next week of the eurozone's 19 finance ministers — a meeting that European Union President Donald Tusk has said "is really crucial and should be decisive." Despite the lack of visible progress, German Chancellor Angela Merkel has shown a willingness to continue the talks — her views matter perhaps more than most as Germany is Greece's single biggest creditor.

"Where there's a will, there's a way, but the will must come from everybody," she said in a speech in Berlin. Germany stressed that a solution would have to include the IMF.

Greece's creditors — its fellow eurozone states, the European Central Bank and the IMF — want the country to commit to new economic reforms before they disburse the last 7.2 billion euros (\$8.2 billion) left in Greece's bailout fund.

The key points of contention appear to be cuts to Greek pensions, changes in the labor market and the size of Greece's government budget. Jeroen Dijsselbloem, the eurozone's top official, said the onus was

on the Greek government to come up with "sound" proposals.

Greece's final installment has been pending since last year and with no access to the international borrowing market, Greece has been struggling to pay both its international debts, and to continue paying salaries and pensions.

Without outside help, Greece is unlikely to be able to repay a roughly 1.6 billion-euro IMF debt installment due June 30 and larger debts due to the European Central Bank in July and August.

"We are coming to a head," said David Mackie of JP Morgan. "Our judgment remains that Greece will offer concessions to get a deal."

In Germany, there appear to be mixed views about saving Greece.

A poll by the TNS-Emnid agency for the German weekly Focus found that 46 percent of Germans wanted Greece to keep the euro, while 42 percent thought it should return to the drachma. That survey of 1,004 people, conducted over landline phones Monday and Tuesday, has a reported margin of error of 3.6 percentage points. □

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# EU emergency refugee plan faces strong opposition

**LORNE COOK**  
**Associated Press**

**BRUSSELS (AP)** — An emergency European Union plan to help Italy and Greece manage thousands of migrants crossing the Mediterranean could be vastly watered down next week, diplomats said Friday.

The EU's executive commission wants EU interior ministers meeting next Tuesday to endorse its scheme to share responsibility for taking in 40,000 Syrians and Eritreans arriving in Italy and Greece. The plan would require EU countries to take in set numbers of refugees based on criteria like economic strength, unemployment and efforts already undertaken to host migrants.

But diplomats said that about 10 of the 28 EU nations insist the system should be voluntary, not mandatory. Hungary and the Czech Republic oppose

the plan outright.

Even the states supporting it want to change the terms for sharing the refugees.

One EU diplomat said there's clearly not a majority needed to approve the plan.

He declined to be named because he is not permitted to speak publicly about the deliberations.

Around 100,000 migrants have already arrived in Europe this year, many of whom crossed the Mediterranean Sea to reach Italy and Greece. Some 2,000 are missing and feared dead, and five countries alone are handling about three quarters of those who survived.

Given the frequent failure of EU nations to show genuine solidarity with front-line countries Italy, Greece and Malta, the commission had hoped that its plan would force them to share the burden.

The plan has become more



**Migrants wait to receive food at the Central railway station in Milan, Italy, Thursday, June 11, 2015. Milan city officials are appealing for help in managing the huge number of migrants arriving from southern Italy after rescue at sea as rising numbers are unable to find beds and are sleeping in the station.**

(AP Photo/Luca Bruno)

urgent as migrants often arrive in greater numbers between June and Sep-

tember.

"We will defend our proposals to the last word,"

commission spokesman Margaritis Schinas said Friday.

But one seasoned diplomat suggested that the compromise the ministers could agree to might not be to the commission's liking.

"We will have to avoid the word 'voluntary' and the word 'mandatory' and then find a way for everyone to participate," he said.

EU leaders will discuss the plan at their summit in Brussels on June 25-26.

The European Trade Union Confederation, which has long supported the migrant cause amid what it believes is a humanitarian crisis unfolding in the Mediterranean, expressed dismay at the lack of support. □

## France: Airport officials detain 6-year-old girl in ID crackdown

**ANGELA CHARLTON**  
**Associated Press**

**PARIS (AP)** — Paris airport police held a 6-year-old French girl for three days on suspicion she had a fake passport — until a judge ordered her released into her mother's arms, a lawyer said Friday.

Authorities insist that police were just doing their jobs to protect children from trafficking, but the case has caused indignation in France amid sensitive debate over police treatment of waves of undocumented migrants coming to Europe in recent months.

The girl was detained Saturday at Charles de Gaulle airport, after arriving from

Cameroon, said lawyer Sidonie Leoue. The girl was traveling as an unaccompanied minor carrying all necessary documents, and her mother was waiting at the Paris airport to greet her, Leoue said.

She waited three days.

Police thought the girl's passport photo didn't resemble her, and suspected a fake, according to the lawyer and the French Interior Ministry.

The Paris-born girl was held in a special police day care for three days before she appeared before a judge, who asked the girl to identify her mother, seated across the courtroom, the lawyer said. □

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## Airstrikes destroy part of Yemen's UNESCO heritage site

**AHMED AL-HAJ**  
**Associated Press**

**SANAA, Yemen (AP)** — Saudi-led airstrikes targeting Shiite rebels and their allies in Yemen destroyed historic houses on Friday in the center of the capital, Sanaa, a UNESCO world heritage site. Rescue teams digging through the debris pulled the bodies of six civilians from under the rubble. The bombing drew swift condemnation from the U.N. cultural agency, whose chief expressed sorrow at the loss of human life and the destruction of priceless architectural heritage.

Yemen's conflict has left millions of the Arab world's poorest nation in dire need of humanitarian assistance in just about everything —

from fuel to water, food, electricity and medical supplies — as civilians are increasingly caught in the crossfire.

Also, early on Friday, random shelling killed 12 civilians in the southwestern city of Taiz, which witnessed some of the fiercest battles between rebels and southern fighters, witnesses and officials said.

In the Sanaa airstrikes, residents initially believed the warplanes had targeted a house occupied by a senior rebel commander, but officials and witnesses later said there were no Shiite rebels among the victims.

The impact of the missiles flattened at least three houses and caused cracks in surrounding buildings, which are cemented to



People gather to look at houses destroyed by Saudi airstrikes in the old city of Sanaa, Yemen, Friday, June 12, 2015.

(AP Photo/Hani Mohammed)

one another, leaving large sections of the old city's district at the risk of collapse. At a destroyed four-story building, an Associated Press reporter saw a pile of bricks, dust and wood mingled with clothes, kitchenware and water tanks, which are traditionally kept on roofs. An adjacent

three-story building was split in half, wooden window frames dangling from the upper floors. Rescue workers were covered with dust as they searched for victims.

Most of the old city's three-to-four-story buildings had been emptied out weeks ago, as their residents left

in fear of the airstrikes. The Saudi-led coalition launched the campaign in March, in an effort to halt the power grab by Yemen's Shiite rebels, known as Houthis. U.N.-brokered peace talks are due to start end of the week in Geneva in an attempt to end the conflict. □

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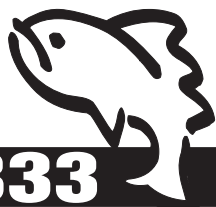


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## Attackers seize 10 at Tunisian consulate in Libya

**B. BOUAZZA**  
**Associated Press**

**TUNIS, Tunisia (AP)** — An armed militia stormed into the Tunisian general consulate in Libya's capital on Friday, taking 10 employees hostage, officials said. Mokhtar Chaouachi, a spokesman for the Tunisian Foreign Ministry, said it was not clear whether the attackers were holding the hostages on site or had taken them elsewhere. He also said he did not know whether the attackers had opened fire or had made any demands in exchange for the captives.

Khalifa Ghwell, who holds the post of prime minister for the Islamist-led, militias-

backed government in Tripoli, said that authorities were working to win the release of the employees. He declined to comment on circumstances of their abduction, saying: "Everything will be fine, God willing."

The Tunisian Foreign Ministry called the attack "a vile aggression" against Tunisian sovereignty and a violation of international conventions protecting diplomatic personnel. The government is monitoring the situation and working to secure the release of the employees, a ministry statement said.

Libya has been divided between rival governments

and hundreds of militias in the aftermath of its 2011 civil war that ousted dictator Moammar Gadhafi. An Islamist-led government backed by militias seized Tripoli last August and Libya's internationally-recognized parliament — which was forced out — now convenes in the eastern city of Tobruk.

After Friday's abductions, the Foreign Ministry repeated a warning to Tunisians urging them not to travel to the neighboring country under the current instability unless absolutely essential. Despite the dangers, many Tunisians work in Libya: Official figures put the number at some 60,000. □





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## Former IMF chief Strauss-Kahn acquitted in pimping trial



Former Managing Director of International Monetary Fund Dominique Strauss Kahn leaves a hotel in Lille, northern France. Strauss-Kahn had a caustic reaction as four years of legal battles involving sex charges on two continents ended without a single conviction: "All that for this?"

(AP Photo/Christophe Ena)

PHILIPPE SOTTO  
ANGELA CHARLTON  
Associated Press

LILLE, France (AP) — Dominique Strauss-Kahn had a caustic reaction as four years of legal battles involving sex charges on two continents ended without a single conviction: "All that for this?"

From a sordid New York hotel encounter to orgies in Paris, the former International Monetary Fund chief has admitted to questionable behavior that destroyed his political career and onetime presidential ambitions. He's a sexual libertine, by his own admission. But courts have repeatedly found no grounds to convict him as a criminal.

Friday's ruling in the northern French city of Lille closed a sometimes surreal chapter for Strauss-Kahn and for France, where the unusual public airing of his private life sent shockwaves through society and upended high-level politics. Some Frenchwomen hoped the DSK scandal, as it became known, would

make it easier to hold powerful men accountable for sexual wrongdoing — a hope largely unfulfilled.

In a packed courtroom Friday, a panel of judges acquitted all but one of the 13 defendants of accusations of involvement in a prostitution ring. Strauss-Kahn faced charges of "aggravated pimping," but the judges said he was not involved in hiring the prostitutes involved or paying them.

That's what Strauss-Kahn said all along: "All that for this?" he scoffed as he rose to leave the courtroom with his girlfriend and adult daughter. "What a waste." The 66-year-old economist freely, even proudly, admitted during the February trial that he took part in sex parties from 2008-2011, while he was heading the IMF and married — events he called much-needed "recreational sessions" at a time of intense pressure to steer the world through economic peril.

Two prostitutes, in searing testimony, described sometimes humiliating ex-

periences and "beast-like" behavior by Strauss-Kahn.

The trial confirmed a sense among many French people that Strauss-Kahn was no average philandering politician, and had crossed beyond standard limits of decency.

Yet as presiding judge Bernard Lemaire said at the opening of the trial: "The court is not the guardian of moral order, but of the law."

The prostitutes acknowledged they never told Strauss-Kahn they were paid, and other defendants described their voluntary efforts to protect

their powerful friend from embarrassment.

At the end of the trial, even the prosecutor asked for Strauss-Kahn's acquittal, saying the trial did not back up the charge of aggravated pimping, which requires proof that he promoted or profited from prostitution.

Strauss-Kahn was hit with the French prostitution ring charges in 2012. The 13 defendants, including hotel managers, entrepreneurs, a lawyer and a police chief, were accused of participating in or organizing the collective sexual encounters in Paris, Washington and in the Brussels

region in 2008-2011.

None of the women who took part in the sex parties was present at Friday's ruling, and only two of the numerous prostitutes who were interviewed by investigators agreed to testify at trial.

A movement is afoot in France to change the way the country looks at prostitution. The lower house of parliament approved a controversial bill Friday that, if also approved by the upper house, would be one of Europe's toughest laws against prostitutes' clients, punishing the buyer instead of the seller of sex. □

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## Protests bring pressure on Guatemala president amid scandals

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**Associated Press  
GUATEMALA CITY (AP) —**

Every Saturday for nearly two months, Constitution Square outside Guatemala City's National Palace has overflowed with thousands of protesters demanding an end to corruption and the resignation of President Otto Perez Molina.

Most are from the young, middle-class, smartphone generation, and they organize the leaderless demonstrations through social media. But there are also priests standing shoulder-to-shoulder with businessmen, and students alongside homemakers, in what Guatemala analysts call an unprecedented mass mobilization cutting across socio-economic, political, even class lines.

Angered by recent revelations of multimillion-dollar corruption scandals and emboldened by the jailing of dozens of suspects and the resignation of the vice president, the protesters show no sign of letting up. And they're bringing increasing pressure on the government, culminating in this week's Supreme Court ruling green-lighting a congressional inquiry that could lead to impeachment pro-

ceedings against Perez Molina.

"It is an expression of accumulated frustrations in

implicated of any wrongdoing and insists he intends to serve out the remainder of his term, which ends in

allegedly took kickbacks from businesses to lower duties on imports. Former Vice President Roxana Bal-

rocked by a second scandal at the Social Security Institute, where officials purportedly awarded a \$15 million contract for kidney treatments to a company that lacked a license to perform the services; at least 13 patients subsequently died. Both were exposed with the help of a U.N. commission set up in recent years to probe criminal networks because Guatemala's judicial system was seen as too weak and graft-prone to handle high-level investigations.

In a country of more than 14 million inhabitants struggling with chronic social problems such as a sky-high homicide rate of 34 per 100,000 inhabitants, rampant gang violence, widespread poverty and child malnutrition, seeing public servants enrich themselves so blatantly was a tipping point, said Adriana Beltran, a security analyst at the Washington Office on Latin America, a U.S.-based organization that promotes human rights in the region.

"I think (the scandals) finally demonstrated to the population how these networks of corruption and organized crime really impact their daily lives," Beltran said. "For them to say, 'We're paying taxes and the state is not able to provide basic services because they're embezzling or stealing them,' I think that eventually just kind of was the drop that overflowed the cup."

Trying to tamp down the anger, Perez Molina has accepted the resignation of several Cabinet officials, including the powerful interior minister, fired others and initiated reviews of government contracts. Congress set up commissions to examine possible legal, political and social reforms.



**Guatemala's President Otto Perez Molina, center, speaks during a press conference at the Interior Ministry in Guatemala City, Thursday, June 11, 2015. Every Saturday for nearly two months, Constitution Square outside Guatemala City's National Palace has overflowed with thousands of protesters demanding an end to corruption and the resignation of President Molina. (AP Photo/Luis Soto)**

mostly urban populations ... that finally found a way of expressing itself publicly in a massive way," said Eduardo Stein, a former Guatemalan vice president and foreign minister. "There were people from many sectors of society fed up with corruption."

Perez Molina has not been

early 2016. But protesters blame him anyway since the scandals involved government officials, and it is an opposition-led Congress that will decide his political fate.

The first bombshell came in April when authorities broke up a customs agency graft scheme in which officials

detti's private secretary, Juan Carlos Monzon Rojas, is accused of being the ringleader. Monzon is a fugitive and Baldetti has had her bank accounts frozen, properties raided and been banned from traveling abroad during the investigation.

Weeks later the nation was

## Rebel attack in Colombia leaves 300,000 in the dark

**CESAR GARCIA  
Associated Press**

**BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) —**

Colombian officials are blaming rebels for an attack on the country's energy infrastructure that left hundreds of thousands of people without power.

President Juan Manuel Santos said this week that the guerrillas of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia had blown

up an energy pylon and blacked out much of the southern region of Caqueta earlier in the week.

The blackout affected more than 300,000 people and has not been fully resolved. Santos called it an irrational terrorist act that was counter to the ongoing peace process.

The bombing is the latest in a series of recent attacks on Colombian infrastruc-

ture, including roads and a water plant.

Earlier this month, a similar attack plunged an impoverished city into the dark for more than two days. And this week, the FARC forced several oil tanker drivers in the oil-producing region of Puerto Asis to dump their loads of crude, creating an environmental hazard.

In May, the FARC ended the unilateral cease-fire it

declared five months earlier to give space for peace talks with the government. Rebel groups have been meeting in Cuba with representatives of the Colombian government for the past two years for peace talks aimed at ending the half-century old conflict. The Havana talks have continued apparently unaffected by the escalations back in Colombia.





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**ORANJESTAD** - Under the direction of Simon Gollo, the famous Venezuelan/Swiss violinist, the Nuevo Mundo Festival & Academy (NMFA) will continue its free concerts at Cas di Cultura this weekend.

For the Faculty's concert Saturday June 13, our own Aruban pianist Armand Simon and Jihye Chang, the Korean who thrilled the audience in Monday's concert, will duet on two pianos piano. The program consists of three pieces: 1. Franz Schubert – Fantasia in F minor for Piano four-hands, D. 940 (Op. Posth. 103) (1828); 2. Antonin Dvorak – Slavonic Dances Op. 46 B.78 (1878) and 3. Antonin Dvorak – Slavonic Dances Op. 72 B.145 (1886). Sunday's concert will consist of two well known works: W.A Mozart – Flute quartet in D Major KV. 285 (1777) and Zoltán Kodály



– Duo for Violin and Cello in D minor, Op.7 (1914). Six Masters of five different countries will show off their musical talents: Benjamin Sung, Taiwan, (superb in last Monday's concert) and Simon Gollo, Swiss/Venezuelan, Violin; Richard Young, USA, Viola; Marcio Carneiro, Brazil, and German Marciano,

Venezuela, Cello; Paco Varoch, Spain, Flute/Piccolo.

As is customary, the students' concerts remain a surprise not to be announced ahead of time. In Monday's edition of Aruba Today we will bring you information of the last free concert at Cas di Cultura on Monday

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### Triple Crown winner American Pharoah jogs at Churchill Downs

GARY B. GRAVES  
AP Sports Writer

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) —

American Pharoah looked strong and fresh in his first exercise as a Triple Crown champion before meeting a veterinarian who has seen six of his brethren.

After several days of walking around Hall of Fame trainer Bob Baffert's Barn 33, the bay colt returned to the dirt Friday morning for a clockwise jog before reporters and adoring fans as the sun rose over Churchill Downs.

Like many moments throughout his triumphant run this spring, American Pharoah was calm after the work.

"He still looks like the picture of health," Baffert said of the horse while standing in front of plaques marking his achievement. "He's starting to get better, and that shows what he's made of. He's still happy and is enjoying the track."

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# HEAVEN SENT



## Pujols passes Mantle with 537<sup>th</sup> homer

Los Angeles Angels' Albert Pujols gestures after his two-run home run off Tampa Bay Rays relief pitcher Preston Guilmet during the ninth inning of a baseball game Thursday, June 11, 2015, in St. Petersburg, Fla. Associated Press  
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## American Pharoah

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American Pharoah is still basking in the afterglow of his achievement.

After getting his public bath before a group of camera-clicking spectators, he posed for pictures with fans young and old and relished the gentle pats and kisses on his cheek.

The horse's laid-back demeanor through all the oohs and ahhs certainly impressed Lexington veterinarian William McGee, 98, who recalls seeing or treating at least six Triple Crown champions in his career. American Pharoah calmly walked over to McGee's wheelchair and cooed up to him for a pat on the head that confirmed McGee's belief in how special he is.

"His temperament is outstanding," McGee said. "Most horses just won't stand for the closeness of



**In this image provided by Churchill Downs, longtime veterinarian Dr. William McGee, 98, who has treated several Triple Crown winners, feeds a carrot 2015 Triple Crown winner American Pharoah at Churchill Downs, Friday, June 12, 2015, in Louisville, Ky.**

people as he did. I look for the best from him."

The public will get its chance to congratulate horse racing's 12th Triple Crown winner Saturday night as American Pharoah parades around the famed

track before his connections receive gold and silver trophies for last month's Kentucky Derby victory.

His name has already been added in gold letters to a ring of fame with previous Triple Crown champions in

the paddock area, and he wore a Triple Crown blanket before being led back to his stall.

A resident at Baffert's barn since late April, American Pharoah will leave Louisville June 18 to return to Califor-

nia to prepare for his next phase of competition.

Though the trainer said the horse will definitely compete in the Breeders' Cup Classic at Keeneland in Lexington this fall, his summer schedule is undecided.

"The goal is to bring him back healthy," said Baffert, joking that he wants to put the champion "in bubble wrap" to protect him.

"I don't want to get ahead of myself. I just want to see how he responds."

If Friday's brief jog around Churchill Downs offered any clues, American Pharoah seemed to be refreshed from the 1½-mile Belmont Stakes that he won by 5½ lengths. He seemed to glide while going around the outside of the main track in the opposite direction of many horses and looked as if he could've gone farther if asked.

That will come in time for the champion, who just needed to stretch his legs again. □

**Associated Press**



# Chicago, Tampa Bay all even again in Stanley Cup Final



Chicago Blackhawks' Jonathan Toews, left, and Tampa Bay Lightning's J.T. Brown chase after a loose puck during the second period in Game 4 of the NHL hockey Stanley Cup Final Wednesday, June 10, 2015, in Chicago.

Associated Press

**GREG BEACHAM**  
AP Hockey Writer

**TAMPA, Florida (AP)** — Four games into the Stanley Cup Final, all that's clear is just how little separates the Chicago Blackhawks and the Tampa Bay Lightning. These two NHL conference champions have two victories, nine goals and 24 penalty minutes apiece, while Chicago has outshot Tampa Bay 107-104. Neither team has led by more than one goal at any point in the Final's first four games, which have all been decided by one goal apiece for the first time since 1968 and just the third time in NHL history. The Lightning return home for Game 5 on Saturday at Amalie Arena knowing they missed early opportunities to get Chicago in serious trouble in this series — and they know the fate of other opponents who failed to put the Blackhawks away. "For either one of us to think we're going to go out there and control 60 minutes of

the game ... I just don't see it happening," Lightning associated coach Rick Bowness said. "There are moments in each of the four games that we were in control of it, and there are moments, like the second period last night, that they were in control of it." Tampa Bay could very well have won all four games but the Blackhawks could say the same thing. Still Game 4 will still be stinging the Lightning and the one they will look back on with regret if they don't manage to win the Cup. Tampa Bay held the Blackhawks to just two shots in the first period and didn't let up significantly in the final two periods, dominating the puck. Yet the Blackhawks got goals of pure persistence from Jonathan Toews and Brandon Saad, while the Lightning lamented numerous missed scoring chances. Steven Stamkos twice came close to tying Game 4 in the final 90 seconds but

the Lightning captain still doesn't have a goal in the series. "When you have teams of this caliber, it's bound to be a tight series," Stamkos said. "We're disappointed about the squandered chance, (but) if you'd have given us a best 2 out of 3 at home at the beginning of the year to win the Stanley Cup, any team in their right mind would take that opportunity." The series is so even because these teams' similarities have largely canceled each other out, from the flying forwards up front to the uncertain goalie situations in back. "It's a game of bounces. You just try to work hard and try to get those bounces and keep the momentum," Saad said. "But luck's definitely a part of it. It's a tough trophy to win and a tough series to be a part of." The Lightning still have the impressive team speed that seemed to be a key factor

before this series began, but Tampa Bay has recommitted to the improved defensive game that allowed it to get out of the Eastern Conference playoff bracket in 20 grueling games. Neither of these speedy teams is flying down the ice, instead focusing on responsible hockey. "We got caught up thinking it would be run-and-gun," Blackhawks forward Brad Richards said. "And if we do that, we just feed them. We've got to be more patient than them."

Goaltending also hasn't been a deciding factor in this series, even with ample reason to think it might be. The Lightning don't know yet whether Andrei Vasilevskiy will get another start in net after the 20-year-old Russian rookie played Game 4 in place of Ben Bishop, who has an undisclosed injury. Vasilevskiy won Game 2 in relief, and he played well Wednesday in his first playoff start, giving Tampa Bay little reason to worry about the potentially precarious position. □

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## NL Capsules

# Mets edge Giants to go top of NL East

**The Associated Press**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Michael Cuddyer singled home the winning run in the bottom of the ninth inning, and New York beat San Francisco to prevent a three-game sweep. Curtis Granderson scored twice and drove in a run to help the Mets win on a 91-degree night when chants of "Let's go Giants!" rang out at Citi Field.

Sergio Romo (0-3) hit Granderson in the back on an 0-2 pitch with one out in the ninth. Granderson advanced to second on Andrew Susac's passed ball and third on Juan Lagares' groundout before Lucas Duda was intentionally walked.

Cuddyer, who had a go-ahead double in the fifth, stroked a sharp single into center field and raised his arm as he headed for first base, just ahead of the swarm of teammates that chased him down to celebrate.

Jeury Familia (2-0) pitched a scoreless inning for the win.

**BREWERS 6, NATIONALS 5**

**MILWAUKEE (AP)** — Scooter Gen-



**New York Mets' Michael Cuddyer (23) celebrates as Curtis Granderson, left, scores on a single by Cuddyer against the San Francisco Giants in the ninth inning of a baseball game Thursday, June 11, 2015, in New York. The Mets won 5-4. Associated Press**

nett drove in the go-ahead run with a two-out single in the bottom of the eighth, capping Milwaukee's rally from a four-run deficit for a win over Washington.

Gennett's bouncer trickled just in-

side the third-base bag and into left to drive home Shane Peterson from third. A throwing error by second baseman Anthony Rendon that allowed Peterson to reach two batters earlier proved costly for reliever Aaron Barrett (3-2). Gennett smiled when he reached first. It was his first game back in the majors since being sent down to Triple-A for 17 games to work on his swing.

Will Smith (2-0) pitched a scoreless top of the eighth — ending that inning by picking off Bryce Harper — for the win in his first appearance since returning from a six-game suspension for being caught with foreign substance on his arm.

**PADRES 6, BRAVES 4, 11 INNINGS**

**ATLANTA (AP)** — Yangervis Solarte hit a two-run single in the 11th inning, and San Diego beat Atlanta following a benches-clearing incident and the ejection of manager Bud Black.

Players left dugouts in the first after Julio Teheran hit Matt Kemp with a 90 mph fastball. No punches were thrown and no one was ejected.

Black was tossed in the seventh for arguing with umpires Jordan Baker and Jerry Meals. Craig Kimbrel, facing his former team for the second time in the series, earned his 15th save in 16 chances with a perfect 11th that included Andrelton Simmons' groundout and strikeouts by Christian Bethancourt and pinch-hitter. Atlanta's struggling bullpen, which began the day with a major league-worst 4.75 ERA, combined with Bethancourt to blow a 4-1 lead during San Diego's three-run eighth.

**CUBS 6, REDS 3**

**CHICAGO (AP)** — Miguel Montero and Dexter Fowler each homered, and Chicago Cubs ended banded-up Cincinnati's four-game winning streak.

With the rebuilt right-field bleachers in use for the first time this season, the Cubs won for the fourth time in five games. Montero's three-run homer in the first off Michael Lorenzen (1-2) gave Chicago an early lead, and Fowler's third-inning drive put the Cubs in front 4-2. □

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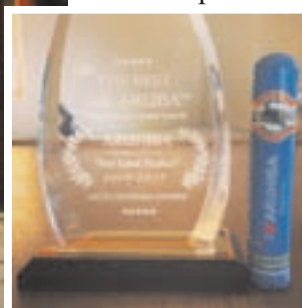
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## AL Capsules

# Pujols, Trout homer in Angels' 6-2 win over Rays



Los Angeles Angels' Mike Trout (27) shakes hands with third base coach Gary DiSarcina after hitting a home run off Tampa Bay Rays starting pitcher Alex Colome during the sixth inning of a baseball game Thursday, June 11, 2015, in St. Petersburg, Fla. Associated Press

**The Associated Press**  
**ST. PETERSBURG, Florida (AP)** — Albert Pujols hit his 537th home run Thursday night to move ahead of Mickey Mantle into 16th place on the all-time list and complete the scoring for the Los Angeles Angels in a 6-2 victory over the Tampa Bay Rays. Pujols' 17th home run of the season, which came in the ninth inning off Preston Guilmet, was his 1,122nd extra-base hit, tying Manny Ramirez for 14th place in that category. The 35-year-old first baseman has 1,685 RBIs, one short of Ernie Banks who is 29th on the all-time list. Mike Trout drove in two runs with his 17th home run and a double. Trout, who had three straight hits, hit his sixth

homer in 11 games off Rays starter Alex Colome for the Angels' first run. Trout's two-out double off Brad Boxberger drove in another run in the seventh after rookie Kyle Kubitz's single had given Los Angeles its first lead of the game, 3-2. Garrett Richards (6-4) pitched seven innings for the Angels, giving up two runs and four hits while striking out seven. Former Angel Kevin Jepsen (1-4) took the loss after giving up all three runs in the decisive seventh. **ORIOLES 6, RED SOX 5** **BALTIMORE (AP)** — Adam Jones hit the first of Baltimore's three home runs off Wade Miley, and the Orioles beat the Boston for its first sweep of the season.

Nolan Reimold and Manny Machado also homered for the Orioles, who squeezed out a pair of one-run victories during the three-game series. Baltimore has won a season-high four in a row and six of seven.

Miley (5-6) allowed five runs and nine hits over four innings. After finishing the fourth, the left-hander engaged in a heated exchange with manager John Farrell in the dugout. Still screaming, Miley walked into the tunnel with Farrell in pursuit. David Ortiz hit his seventh home run and Pablo Sandoval had two RBIs for Boston. The defeat left the Red Sox seven games under .500 (27-34), matching their low point of the season.

Chris Tillman (4-7) gave up four runs in 5 2-3 innings to improve his career record against Boston to 9-3. **INDIANS 6, MARINERS 0** **CLEVELAND (AP)** — Giovanni Urshela hit his first major league home run, Shaun Marcum and his bullpen combined on a two-hitter and Cleveland beat Seattle.

A 23-year-old from Colombia who made his big league debut Tuesday, Urshela grounded an RBI single past shortstop Brad Miller in a four-run third, the first batter after Tom Wilhelmsen relieved J.A. Happ (3-2). Cleveland saved the ball for Urshela, who then hit a solo homer off Vidal Nuno in the sixth. That ball just cleared the 19-foot fence in left and rebounded onto the field, providing a second memento for Urshela, who smiled widely as he slapped hands with teammates in the dugout. Urshela is 2 for 8 with three RBIs. He was called up from Triple-A Columbus when third baseman Lonnie Chisenhall was sent down. **ATHLETICS 7, RANGERS 0** **OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)** — Scott Kazmir allowed one hit in eight innings to end a nine-start winless streak

and lead Oakland Athletics over Texas.

Kazmir (3-4) retired 13 of his first 14 batters around a second-inning walk by Adam Rosales and didn't allow a hit until Elvis Andrus' one-out single to center in the fifth. Texas' only other runner was Prince Fielder, who walked leading off the seventh.

Kazmir struck out six and threw 105 pitches. Evan Scribner needed nine pitches in a perfect ninth that completed the one-hitter. Kazmir defeated Texas and Houston in his first two starts of the season but had been 0-4 in nine outings since beating the Astros on April 13, although he had a 3.78 ERA in that stretch. □



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# Warriors rebound, rout Cavs 103-82, even finals

**BRIAN MAHONEY**

**AP Basketball Writer**

**CLEVELAND (AP)** — Golden State held LeBron James scoreless in the fourth quarter and pulled away for a 103-82 win at Cleveland on Thursday to tie the NBA Finals at 2-2.

Andre Iguodala scored 22 points in a surprise start, league MVP Stephen Curry also had 22, and Draymond Green returned to form with 17 points, seven rebounds and six assists as the Warriors avoided going down to a perilous 3-1 series deficit.

"Tonight we came in with the mentality that we had to win this game," said Curry.

James scored 20 points — 21 under his average in the series — with 12 rebounds and eight assists, and to make matters worse for Cleveland's megastar, he needed stitches to his head after falling onto a TV camera in the first half.

Game 5 is Sunday at Oakland's rambunctious Oracle Arena, where the teams split two overtime games last week. This wasn't quite make-or-break for the Warriors, but it was close, as none of the 32 teams which have fallen behind 3-1 in the finals has won a title.

"We played desperate out there, man," Klay Thompson said. "We played real hungry. It was just awesome to come out here



**Golden State Warriors guard Andre Iguodala (9) pulls up for a shot over Cleveland Cavaliers forward LeBron James (23) during the first half of Game 3 of basketball's NBA Finals in Cleveland, Tuesday, June 9, 2015.**

**Associated Press**

and impose our will on both sides of the ball and play our brand of basketball. That's what's been winning us games all year."

Timofey Mozgov led Cleveland with 28 points and guard Matthew Dellavedova, again battling leg cramps after a hospital stay for dehydration, had 10.

The Cavs shot just 2 of 18 from the field and were outscored 27-12 in the fourth quarter. They also got nothing from their

bench as J.R. Smith missed all eight 3-point attempts and Cleveland's reserves combined to score seven points.

"Offensively we were terrible," James said, noting the Cavs were 4 of 27 on 3-pointers. "Sometimes your offense just doesn't show up."

Missing All-Stars Kevin Love and Kyrie Irving, the Cavs didn't have enough firepower and their legs were heavy after playing three

games in five days against the relentless Warriors.

"We're in a three-game series for the NBA Finals," coach David Blatt said. "Six months ago I would have bought that. We've got to go back to the drawing board, go back to work, play the best basketball we can and try to win this thing."

Golden State showed a sense of urgency from the outset. Iguodala, who played so well coming off the bench in the first three games, made his first start this season and made coach Steve Kerr's decision look brilliant.

Known for his defense, Iguodala drained four 3-pointers,

kept James in check and Curry, who finally found his range in the fourth quarter of Game 3, also dropped four 3s, including a deep dagger in the fourth over Shumpert to end any thought the Cavaliers had of a comeback.

Iguodala made things tough on James, who went 7 of 22 from the field and 5 of 10 from the free-throw line.

"Make him work as hard as possible," Iguodala said of his plan on James. "Make him take tough shots."

You look at his strengths, you look at his weaknesses, and you try to take him out of his comfort zone. Easier said than done, but we all have a lot of talent and

when we go out there we want to make our stamp on the game."

Since losing Game 3, the Warriors vowed to use the experience they gained when rallying from a 2-1 deficit against Memphis in the Western Conference semifinals.

"It's just a street fight," Green said. "Nobody's doing anything dirty, but they're battling and we're battling and that's why this series is so exciting."

Looking for a spark, Kerr decided to go "small" with his starting lineup, putting Iguodala at forward, moving Green to center and benching struggling big man Andrew Bogut.

Kerr initially said he wouldn't make any changes, but went with a lineup that worked well late in Game 3, when the Warriors scored 36 points and trimmed a 20-point deficit to one.

Shortly before tip-off, Kerr told reporters he was sticking with his usual first five.

"I lied," he said. "I don't think they hand you the trophy based on morality. They give it to you if you win. Sorry about that."

Kerr got the result he wanted, but only after the Warriors withstood an early flurry from the Cavs, who scored the game's first seven points.

"You've got to take a chance with the situation we were in tonight," Curry said. □

## Nadal beats Tomic to reach semifinals at Mercedes Cup

**STUTTGART, Germany (AP)**

— Top-seeded Rafael Nadal overcame stiff resistance from Bernard Tomic to reach the semifinals of the Mercedes Cup with a 6-4, 6-7 (6), 6-3 victory on Friday.

Nadal will next play fourth-seeded Gael Monfils, who beat Philipp Kohlschreiber 7-5, 3-6, 6-3.

Also, second-seeded Marin Cilic served 19 aces to rally past qualifier Mischa Zverev 4-6, 7-6 (5), 7-6 (5) to set up a semifinal against eighth-seeded Viktor Troicki, who

beat Sam Groth 7-6 (3), 6-1. The tournament is a grass-court tune-up for Wimbledon and Nadal said he was pleased with his game. After needing 2 hours, 40 minutes to beat Marcos Baghdatis on Thursday, Nadal was stretched again a day later, staying on court for 2 hours, 20 minutes.

"I played better than yesterday. This is probably his favorite surface so it's a great victory for me," Nadal said.

Nadal seized the early momentum in the third set by

taking a 3-0 lead to finish off the fifth-seeded Tomic. Cilic, the U.S. Open champion, took advantage of a pair of mistakes by Zverev in the tiebreakers. Zverev committed his only double-fault to give Cilic two set points in the first and let a shot go that landed inside the line in the second, giving Cilic two match points. On both occasions, Cilic used his second opportunity.

Troicki withstood 13 aces from Groth, who also had seven double-faults. □



**Spain's Rafael Nadal returns a ball to Australia's Bernard Tomic, during the quarterfinal match at the Mercedes Cup ATP tennis tournament in Stuttgart, Germany, Friday June 12, 2015.**

**Associated Press**



# Oculus' virtual-reality headset to simulate touch, gestures

MICHAEL LIEDTKE

AP Technology Writer

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** — Oculus is expanding its virtual-reality headset to simulate the sensation of touch and gesturing as part of its quest to blur the lines between the fake and genuine world.

The touch controllers unveiled Thursday by Oculus founder Palmer Luckey are designed to enable people to pick up guns, throw Frisbees or carry out other actions within the fantasy scenes they see through a virtual reality headset called the Rift. The controllers also will make it possible to point, wave inside the video games being played on the Rift, according to Luckey.

The half-moon shaped controllers, called Oculus Touch, will be showcased along with the Rift headset next week in Los Angeles at the Electronic Entertainment Expo, or E3, a major video game conference.

"We really think Oculus Touch is going to surprise you," Luckey, 22, said. "We think they are going to deliver an entirely new set of virtual reality experiences." Besides showing off its latest gadgetry, Oculus provided a glimpse at the line-up of video games being designed for the Rift and an-

nounced a partnership with Microsoft Corp. to make the headset compatible with the Xbox console and devices running on the next version of the Windows operating system scheduled to

computer programmers. The first consumer model of the headset won't be released until sometime during the first three months of next year. The touch controllers start selling shortly after that,

less controller and adapter for the new alliance with Microsoft, which is branching into another emerging niche of technology niche known as "augmented" reality with its own HoloLens

two screens housed inside a visor. The audio is piped through removable headphones.

The goal is to trick people's brains into believing what they are seeing and hearing is the real thing instead of a fabrication, said Oculus CEO Brandon Iribe, who started the company with Luckey three years ago with \$2.4 million in financing.

The Rift's initial target market will be avid video game players. The inaugural line-up of video games built for the Rift include titles from CCP Games, Gunfire Games and Insomniac Games that will appear to transport players into space, an arctic zone and a fictional land where a young man defends his home turf from a dragon.

Luckey and Facebook Inc. CEO Mark Zuckerberg, though, believe the Oculus technology eventually will extend far beyond video games to enable people's avatars to attend business meetings and bring together friends and families in virtual living rooms even though they are many miles apart. Movie buffs might even be able to insert themselves as characters in their favorite flicks. "This isn't science fiction," Luckey said of the Rift. "This is reality." □



The new Oculus Rift virtual reality headset is on display following a news conference Thursday, June 11, 2015, in San Francisco. Associated Press

be released next month. Oculus' virtual-reality technology is so highly regarded that Facebook bought it for \$2 billion last year. Since that acquisition, the Rift has remained in a testing phase that has kept its early prototypes in the hands of video game makers and

at some point between April and June. The Rift's price hasn't been announced yet, although Oculus has previously said the headset and a personal computer need to power the technology will cost less than \$1,500. The Rift package will also include a wire-

headset. Facebook and Oculus called reporters to a San Francisco studio Thursday for a glimpse of what the Rift's consumer model will look like. It's a lightweight device that will fit on top of a person's head like a helmet. Images are viewed through

## Twitter's Dick Costolo stepping down as CEO

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AP Technology Writer

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** — Twitter CEO Dick Costolo, who helped turn the trendy messaging startup into a global town square, is stepping down amid criticism over the company's disappointing financial performance and a recent stock slide.

Co-founder Jack Dorsey, who served as CEO during Twitter's early years, will temporarily take the reins while the San Francisco company looks for a permanent replacement.

Investors greeted the move with enthusiasm, driving Twitter shares up nearly 6 percent in late trading after the announcement Thurs-

day afternoon. Both Dorsey and Costolo, however, expressed confidence in the company's direction and said the board isn't seeking major changes.

"I believe in the course the company is on and the management team's ability to fulfill that and execute on it," Dorsey, who is also board chairman, said during a joint conference call with Costolo and Wall Street analysts.

Both men characterized Costolo's departure, effective July 1, as voluntary. The 51-year-old Costolo said he began talking with Twitter directors about leaving last year, although he did not say what he plans to do next. He will not receive

any severance package. Costolo had been Twitter's CEO for five years and led the company through a successful stock market debut in 2013. Though he once worked as a stand-up comedian, Costolo has a degree in computer science and led three earlier tech startups, including one that he sold to Google. He was hired as chief operating officer for Twitter in 2009, three years after its launch.

His efforts to turn the once-quirky messaging service into a significant industry player, and a major venue for online advertising, made Costolo a respected figure in Silicon Valley. Two years ago, Time magazine



In this Jan. 8, 2014 file photo, Twitter CEO Dick Costolo speaks during a panel discussion at the International Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas. Associated Press

named him "one of the most influential minds in tech."

But even though Twitter Inc. had \$1.4 billion in revenue last year, primarily from digital ads, it hasn't made a profit as a public company. And its shares have not recovered since they lost almost a third of their value after the com-

pany's last quarterly financial report in April, when it missed Wall Street revenue estimates and prompted some analysts to question the company's leadership. At that time, the company also lowered its financial outlook. On Thursday, Dorsey said the company is making no further changes in its financial projections. □



# Wingstop shares advance following \$110 million IPO

**NEW YORK (AP)** — In the latest big debut for a “fast casual” restaurant company, shares of Wingstop are rocketing after the chicken wings chain said its initial public offering raised \$110.2 million. Wingstop's offering of 5.8 million shares priced at \$19 per share. The company had expected the stock

to price between \$16 and \$18 a share. Its stock climbed \$10.90, or 57.4 percent, to \$29.90 in midday trading. Restaurants that call themselves “fast casual” tout a more relaxed atmosphere and fast service than traditional restaurants combined with food that seems healthier or fresher

than fast food. The style has grown in popularity in recent years, and older fast food chains are also trying to refashion themselves to reflect the trend. It's also caught on with investors. Wingstop is the fifth such company to go public with a \$100 million IPO since late 2013. All of those

stocks did well on their first day of trading: shares of burger chain Shake Shack Inc. and sandwich maker Potbelly Corp. both more than doubled in value in their debuts, while chicken chain El Pollo Loco Holdings Inc. climbed about 60 percent and chicken and biscuits maker Bojangles Inc. advanced 25 percent.

Wingstop's restaurants serve 11 varieties of wings along with sides and seasoned fries, and the company calls itself the largest fast casual chicken wings restaurant company in the world. It opened 100 restaurants in 2014 and currently has around 750 restaurants in the U.S. and five other countries. □

# Greek jitters upset US, European stock markets

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — A setback in talks between Greece and its creditors helped knock the stock

dard & Poor's 500 index managed to eke out a 1-point gain for the week, snapping a two-week slump. An unexpected decision

sels late Thursday, the IMF pulled its negotiators out of talks with Greece, saying there had been no progress and that major differences remained on

currency. Markets are likely to make sudden turns until Greece and its creditors reach a deal, said Ninh Chung, head of investment strategy at SVB Asset Management.

Earlier this week, stocks on both sides of the Atlantic rallied on reports of progress in the talks.

“There had been optimism over Greece,” Chung said, “and now it seems like we’ve had a complete 180.”

The S&P 500 slipped 14.75 points, or 0.7 percent, to close at 2,094.11. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 140.53 points, or 0.8 percent, to 17,898.84, and the Nasdaq composite lost 31.41 points, or 0.6 percent, to 5,051.10.

The losses were modest but broad: All 30 companies in the Dow and all 10 industries in the S&P 500 finished with losses. Major indexes in Europe slumped, wiping out gains from earlier in the week.

Greece's market fell the most, with the main Athens index down 6 percent.

Germany's DAX sank 1.2 percent, and the CAC-40 in France finished with a loss of 1.4 percent. Britain's FTSE 100 lost 1 percent.

In Asia, Japan's Nikkei 225 inched up 0.1 percent. In China, the Shanghai composite index advanced 0.9 percent, and Hong Kong's Hang Seng rose 1.4 percent.

Back in the U.S., shares of Wingstop vaulted 61 percent in their first day of trading as a public company. The chicken-wings chain raised \$110.2 million in its initial public offering late Thursday, selling shares to investors at \$19 each. Wingstop soared \$11.59 to \$30.59.

Government bond prices wavered, finishing the day slightly lower. The yield on the 10-year Treasury inched up to 2.39 percent from 2.38 percent the day before.

In metals trading, gold fell \$1.20 to settle at \$1,179.20 an ounce, while silver slipped 14 cents to \$15.83 an ounce. Copper picked up a penny to \$2.68 a pound. □



**Trader Edward Landi, center, works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. A setback in talks between Greece and its creditors helped knock the stock market lower on Friday, amid renewed concerns that the country could default on its debts. (AP Photo/Richard Drew)**

market lower on Friday, amid renewed concerns that the country could default on its debts. Despite the drop, the Stan-

by the International Monetary Fund to walk away from talks with Greece spurred the selling. At a summit meeting in Brus-

key issues. Without a deal by the end of the month, Greece faces the prospect of going bankrupt and dropping the euro

# US wholesale prices jump in May, led by eggs, gasoline

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**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Prices at the wholesale level rose at the fastest pace in nearly 3 years in May, pushed higher by a sharp jump in the cost of gasoline and a record increase in the price eggs related to an outbreak of avian influenza. But outside of increases in volatile food and energy costs, core inflation

remained moderate. The producer price index, which measures inflation pressures before they reach consumers, spiked 0.5 percent in May, the Labor Department reported Friday. It was the biggest one-month increase since September 2012. The increase followed a 0.4 percent drop in wholesale prices in April. The May increase reflected a 17 percent rise in gaso-

line prices, the biggest hike since August 2009, and a record 56.4 percent surge in egg prices.

Core prices, which exclude energy and food, rose just 0.1 percent in May.

Over the past 12 months, wholesale prices are down 1.1 percent, reflecting big declines in energy prices over the past year. Core inflation is up a modest 0.6 percent over the same

12-month period. Joshua Shapiro, chief U.S. economist at MFR Inc., said that inflation pressures should remain modest in coming months, given weakness in the global economy and a stronger dollar, which lowers the price of imports for Americans.

The government will report on consumer prices next week. Over the 12 months

ending in April, consumer prices fell 0.2 percent, reflecting the big decline in energy costs. Excluding food and energy, consumer prices have risen 2.6 percent for the 12 months ending in April.

For May, wholesale energy prices rose a record 5.9 percent with the cost of gasoline, diesel fuel, jet fuel and home heating oil all posting big gains. □



## Head of Japan stock exchanges 'ashamed' over Toshiba woes

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**TOKYO (AP)** — The long-time head of Japan's stock exchange says he is "ashamed" over a recent accounting scandal at electronics and industrial conglomerate Toshiba Corp. Atsushi Saito, CEO of Japan Exchange Group Inc., said Friday he was puzzled by Toshiba's apparent laxity over its accounting and he hoped auditors and accounting firms would be more vigilant.

"In the case of Toshiba, to be honest I feel very ashamed. It's one of the leading companies in Japan and they must have been mentors or leaders of Japanese industry," Saito told a news conference.

Toshiba announced last month that it was expanding a probe into alleged underreporting of project costs and losses and setting up a committee to investigate further.

This week, the company's CEO, Hisao Tanaka, issued a letter to shareholders apologizing for the incident and pledging that the company including its subsidiaries would cooperate with the committee and "thoroughly heed its results and recommendations and reflect them in the company's management and operations."

Toshiba's shares fell 0.9 percent Friday in trading on the Tokyo Stock Exchange, recovering from larger losses earlier in the day triggered by a report in the financial newspaper Nikkei Shimbun that the company is likely to admit to inadequate internal controls.

Saito became president of the Tokyo Stock Exchange in 2007 and was appointed CEO of the Japan Exchange Group when it was formed in a merger of the Tokyo Stock Exchange Group Inc. and the Osaka Stock Exchange in 2013.

A veteran stock analyst who worked many years for major brokerage Nomura Securities, Saito said accounting standards can be vague when it comes to how the handle costs in long-term construction contracts. □

## China:

# Small investors flying blind in latest market boom

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**BEIJING (AP)** — Li Haitao, a 24-year-old employee at a steel trading company, did no research last June before he joined a stampede of novice investors into China's surging stock market. He paid for his risk-taking. "I went in blind," said Li, who works in the southern province of Hunan. "I already have suffered some losses, but luckily not much."

Many new investors piling into China's stock market, which has more than doubled in less than a year, are like Li: Rookies with little information whose enthusiasm for risky speculative trading is fueling rising concern they might be hurt when the boom cools.

"It's very common that investors do not even know what the companies in which they invest do. They do not care," said Zhang Chi, a securities analyst in Shanghai and former financial columnist for several newspapers. "I am worried about them."

In contrast to the United States, Europe or Japan, where many people invest through mutual funds, most Chinese investors buy stocks directly, sometimes in companies whose names they cannot remember.

Financial literacy is limited in a society where the mainland's first communist-era stock exchange opened in Shanghai only in 1990. Brokerages offer classes in trading but a culture of commentators who preach the gospel of low-risk, long-term investing has yet to develop. Many small investors rely on rumors or tips from friends in a market rife with complaints of insider trading and fraud. Reports say the China Household Finance Survey, which is conducted by Southwestern University of Finance and Economics, found nearly 6 percent of new investors were illiterate, a quarter finished only elementary school and more than third left the education system at junior

high school level.

"I bought shares almost without basis, blindly," said a 54-year-old woman who would give only her sur-

recently a 6.5 percent plunge May 28.

The ruling Communist Party wants to develop China's stock markets as a tool to

brokerage and hunts the latest stock tip.

"Today's paper highlighted heavy and military industries, so I'll pay more



**Chinese stock investors react as prices fall at a brokerage house in Fuyang in central China's Anhui province. China's latest stock market boom began after the state press said last summer stocks were cheap. Investors took that to mean Beijing wanted prices to rise - and might prop up markets if needed. The benchmark Shanghai Composite Index has soared 140 percent over the past six months, though it has suffered stomach-churning drops along the way, most recently a 6.5 percent plunge May 28.** (Chinatopix Via AP)

name, Huang, and was sitting at a desk in a room set aside by a Beijing brokerage for frequent traders. She said she has been investing since 2000 and is up 20 to 30 percent in the latest boom.

"It's unnecessary to learn too much about stocks," said Huang.

Why? Huang echoes a common sentiment in a heavily regulated economy in which stock prices are driven more by policy changes than by economic fundamentals: "The stock market in China is obviously manipulated by government, so if you are to make losses, it is fated and has nothing to do with whether you know more or not."

The latest boom began after the state press said last summer stocks were cheap. Investors took that to mean Beijing wanted prices to rise — and might prop up markets if needed. The benchmark Shanghai Composite Index has soared 150 percent over the past year, though it has suffered stomach-churning drops along the way, most

help make the state-dominated economy more efficient but its leaders appear to be getting uneasy the latest boom might run out of control.

State media have gradually begun to urge caution. But that comes after months of cheerleading for higher prices and encouraging the public to buy.

The party newspaper People's Daily in a May 4 commentary declared the latest boom a "profitable golden era." TV stations in Shanghai and other cities broadcast as many as three programs a day with commentators talking about the latest market moves.

"I believe all I need to do is watch news and commentary on TV, discuss it with my friends, look at the history of China's stock market and try to get a better idea of what the general landscape of China's economy is," said Huang Jingru, who at 80 is a 12-year veteran of the markets.

Each morning, armed with the day's financial newspapers and a mason jar of tea, she sits in a Beijing

attention to stocks in these industries," said Huang.

Many of the new investors were born in the 1990s. That might make them too young to remember China's last market boom in 2007. It was followed by a price collapse that saw the benchmark index nose dive 70 percent over the following year.

In 2010, the state-owned China Securities Investor Protection Funds, which insures against possible losses due to fraud or a broker going bankrupt, produced an educational 40-episode TV series, "Uncle Niu's Story in the Stock Market." The story follows Uncle Niu, Chinese for "Bull," a play on the bull market, as he makes and loses money, highlighting principles of sensible investing.

New investors are often encouraged by stories of stock market-driven wealth gains for China's elite.

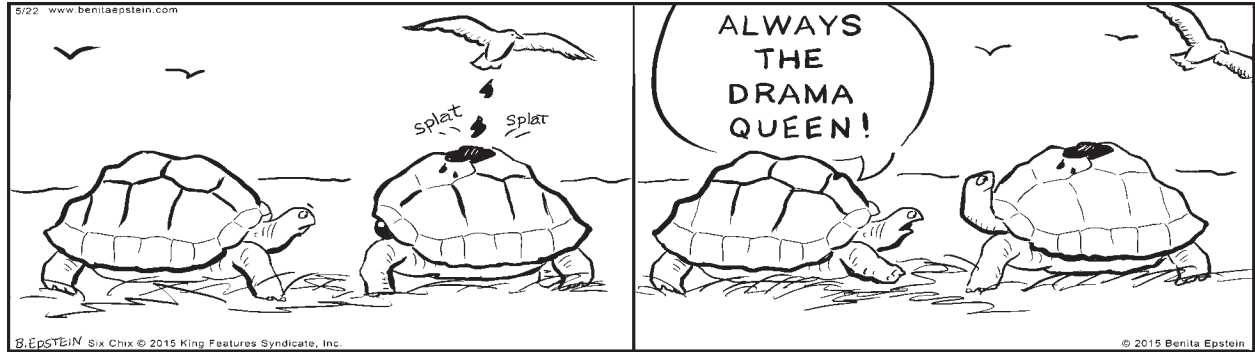
Boosted by surging asset prices, China created a new billionaire almost every week in the first quarter of this year, according to a survey by Swiss bank UBS. □



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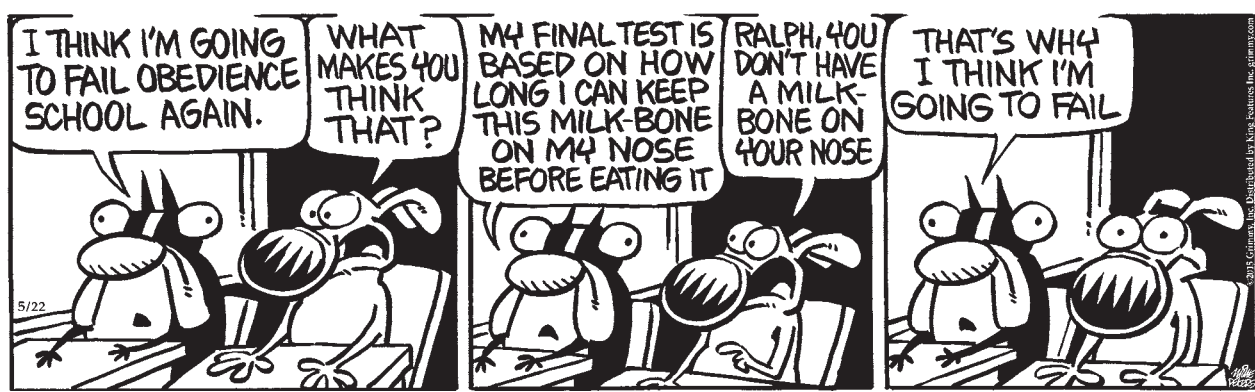
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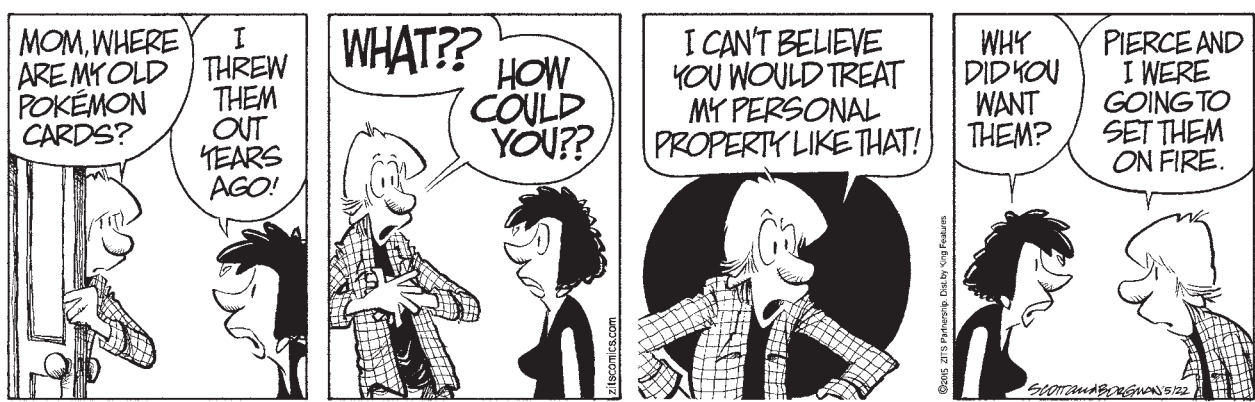
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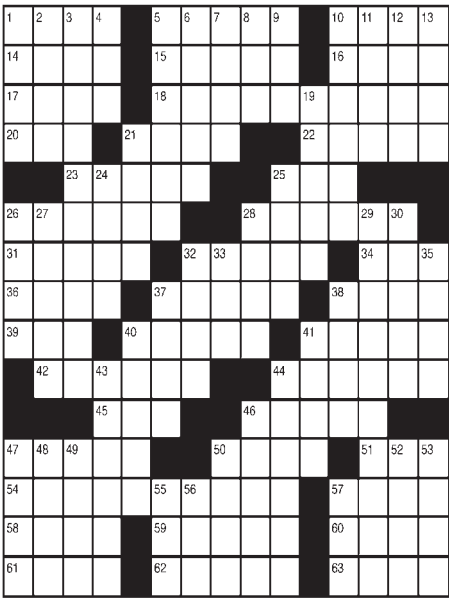
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Yesterday's puzzle answer

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- 1 Sullen
- 5 "Turkey in the ..."
- 10 Unpleasant
- 14 "The ... Ranger"
- 15 Harmony
- 16 Zero
- 17 As neat as ...
- 18 Redundancy
- 20 ABC followers
- 21 Angry speech
- 22 Log floats
- 23 Follows orders
- 25 Holiday or Severinsen
- 26 Pester; torment
- 28 Horse's gait
- 31 Fess up
- 32 Rocky ridges
- 34 Hillary, to Chelsea
- 36 Narrow cut
- 37 Distributed cards
- 38 Poet Angelou
- 39 Big success
- 40 Necklace bead
- 41 Of the kidneys
- 42 Side street
- 44 Physical strength
- 45 Most common conjunction
- 46 Cold rice with raw fish
- 47 Plant pest
- 50 Blaze
- 51 Skillet
- 54 ... ads; section of a newspaper
- 57 Sickly looking
- 58 "The buck stops ..."
- 59 Slight coloring
- 60 Machines that spew \$20 bills, for short
- 61 Sups
- 62 Look of contempt
- 63 Examination



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Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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- 2 Easy stride
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- 6 High schoolers
- 7 Engrossed
- 8 Top diamond
- 9 Damp
- 10 Still whole
- 11 Hairdo
- 12 Shoelace problem
- 13 Cravings
- 19 Many golf clubs
- 21 Take a break
- 24 Fishing worm
- 25 Loony
- 26 Corned beef concoction
- 27 Speak without preparation
- 28 Jailbird's home
- 29 Set free
- 30 Fit for a king
- 32 Use a Kindle
- 33 Hearing organ
- 35 Gender
- 37 No longer with us
- 38 Fit snugly together
- 40 Small lakes
- 41 Trick
- 43 Lifts up
- 44 Homicide
- 46 Prolonged attack
- 47 Cramp
- 48 Entreaty
- 49 Male red deer
- 50 Not coarse
- 52 Charitable gift
- 53 TV's "Empty ..."
- 55 "If ... all the same to you..."
- 56 Swim ...; diver's flipper
- 57 Mrs. Nixon



## Kerry released from hospital



Secretary of State John Kerry speaks to media as he is discharged from Massachusetts General Hospital Friday, June 12, 2015, in Boston. Kerry was released from the hospital after undergoing surgery on a broken leg sustained in a May 31 bicycle accident in France.

(AP Photo/Elise Amendola)

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**BOSTON (AP)** — U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry was discharged from a Boston hospital Friday 10 days after undergoing surgery on a broken leg he sustained in a bicycle accident in France, and he declared he had not missed a tick on key foreign policy issues during his recovery. Kerry left Massachusetts General Hospital on crutches but under his own power. He told reporters he planned to go to his nearby home in the Beacon Hill section of Boston for a few days before traveling to Washington next week. He promised to be "absolutely, totally and fully engaged" in nuclear negotiations with Iran, saying he remained confident the June 30 timetable for completing a deal could be achieved. He said he expected to travel overseas to join in the discussions later in the month as they neared a critical juncture. "Our team is in Vienna right now working out very complex ... details of this agreement," Kerry said "It's a tough slog. It's not easy." Kerry was injured May 31 when his bike struck a curb and he fell on a regular Tour de France route southeast of Geneva. He was taken by helicopter to a hospital in Geneva where X-rays confirmed the fracture of his right femur. The former U.S. senator

from Massachusetts was later flown to Boston and underwent a four-hour operation June 2. Dr. Dennis Burke, an orthopedic surgeon, said Kerry's recovery from surgery has been uncomplicated. "He is ambulating independently on crutches and working hard with physical therapy toward a full recovery, which we anticipate will occur in several months' time," Burke said in a statement. □

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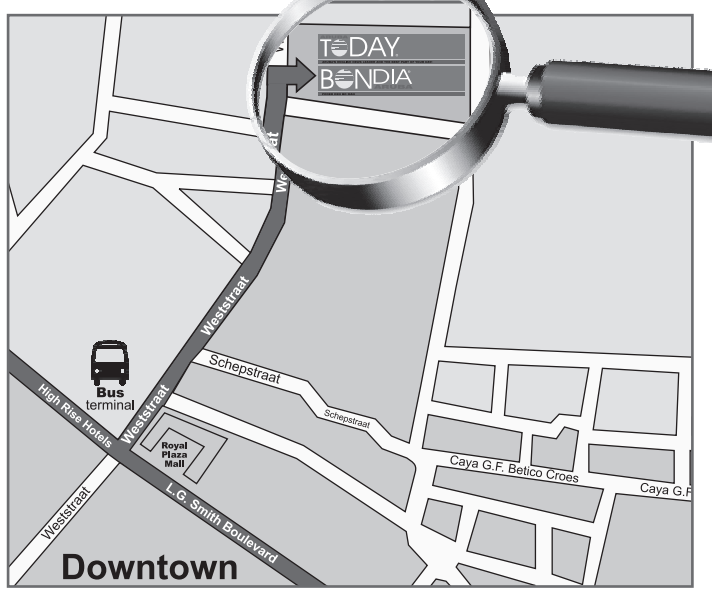
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## What's ahead for Japan's Fukushima nuclear plant

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**Associated Press**

**TOKYO (AP)** — Four years after an earthquake and tsunami destroyed Japan's Fukushima nuclear power plant, the road ahead remains riddled with unknowns.

The government approved a revised 30-to-40-year roadmap Friday that delays by three years the start of a key initial step — the removal of still-radioactive fuel rods in the three reactors that had meltdowns following the March 2011 disaster in northeast Japan.

Experts have yet to pinpoint the exact location of the melted fuel inside the three reactors and study it, and still need to develop robots capable of working safely in such highly radioactive conditions. And then there's the question of what to do with the waste.

Some of the uncertainties and questions:

**THE FUEL RODS:** Kept cool in storage pools on the top floor of each of the three reactors, they need to be removed to free up space for robots and other equipment to go down to the containment chambers. The 1,573 bundles of fuel rods — mostly used but some new — are considered among the highest risks at the plant, because they are uncov-

ered within the reactor building. To remove them, the building roofs must be taken off and replaced with a cover that prevents radioactive dust from flying out. Each building is damaged differently and

the hardest part of the decommissioning: Removing the melted fuel from the three wrecked reactors. The biggest questions are where the melted fuel is and in what condition. Radiation levels are too high

fill them with water so that the melted fuel can be handled while being kept cool may be unworkable, and experts are studying alternatives. How to reach the debris — from the top or from the side — is an-

**CONTAMINATED WATER:** The plant is still plagued with massive amounts of contaminated water — cooling water that must be added regularly, and subsequently leaks out of the reactors and mixes with groundwater that seeps into the reactor basements. The volume of water grows by 300 tons daily. TEPCO runs it through treatment machines to remove most radioactive elements, and then stores it in thousands of tanks on the compound. Water leaks pose environmental concerns and health risks to workers. Nuclear experts say controlled release of the treated water into the ocean would be the ultimate solution.

**RADIOACTIVE WASTE:** Japan currently has no plan for the waste that comes out of the plant. Under the roadmap, the government and TEPCO are supposed to compile a basic plan by March 2018. Waste management is an extremely difficult task that requires developing technology to compact and reduce the toxicity of the waste, while finding a waste storage site is practically impossible considering public sentiment. This raises serious doubts about whether the cleanup can be completed within 40 years. □



In this Nov. 12, 2014 file photo, workers wearing protective gears stand outside Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power plant's reactor in Okuma, Fukushima prefecture, northeastern Japan.

Associated Press

requires its own cover design and equipment. The government and plant operator TEPCO hope to start the process in 2018, three years later than planned.

**THE MELTED FUEL:** Once the spent fuel rods are out of the way, workers can turn their attention to what is expected to be

for humans to approach. Based on computer simulations and a few remote-controlled probes, experts believe the melted fuel has breached the cores and fallen to the bottom of the containment chambers, some possibly seeping into the concrete foundation.

A plan to repair the containment chambers and

other question. A vertical approach would require robots and equipment that can dangle as low as 30 meters (90 feet) to reach the bottom. Experts are also trying to figure out how to obtain debris samples to help develop radiation-resistant robots and other equipment that can handle the molten fuel.

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## 'Becoming Us' captures a family's transgender journey

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — "This family would make a great TV show!"

That's what Evanston, Illinois, teen Ben Lehwald told his mother a couple of years ago.

Clearly, Ben was on to something. "Becoming Us," the show that resulted, follows him as a 16-year-old dealing with the usual challenges of high school and encroaching adulthood — plus the recent news that his father is becoming a woman.

The family went on camera between October and February after Ben's idea reached Ryan Seacrest, who signed on as executive producer of the ABC Family unscripted series airing its second episode Monday at 9 p.m. EDT.

"We're just regular people," says Suzy Crawford, Ben's mother.

The 58-year-old fitness instructor is divorced from Ben's 49-year-old father, an information security analyst now named Carly Lehwald but who, as Charlie, began taking female hormones years before sharing the



In this June 8, 2015 photo, Sutton Crawford, from left, Carly Lehwald, Ben Lehwald and Suzy Crawford from the ABC Family docu-series "Becoming Us" pose for a portrait in New York. The series airs Monday at 9 p.m. EDT on ABC Family.

plan for transition with the family. Suzy continues to work through feelings of betrayal and bitterness even as she and Carly remain a team in parenting Ben.

Ben's half-sister, Sutton Crawford, is now a New Yorker, but she's back in Evanston as she and her mother plan her upcoming wedding, which comes laden with protocol issues.

(Should Carly walk the bride down the aisle?) Finally, Ben's girlfriend, Danielle, also has a father who is transgender (and who, on the first episode, accepted bra-shopping counsel from Carly, with Danielle and Ben tagging along).

Unconventional, maybe, but on "Becoming Us" these folks reveal themselves as authentic and relatable,

which makes the series an illuminating glimpse into the world we all occupy, a world Time magazine earlier this year declared was at "the transgender tipping point."

The timing of "Becoming Us" seems perfect, therefore, having arrived just days after Caitlin Jenner's grand unveiling on the Vanity Fair cover and with

her own series, "I Am Cait," premiering next month, along with yet another reality show that will star Jazz Jennings, the 14-year-old transgender activist and YouTube star.

No one could have anticipated any of this a decade ago, least of all Carly as she started the transition to become who she had always known she was, and, in the process, turned the family upside down.

Ben, in particular, was left reeling. It wasn't the news as much as when his father delivered it that threw him for a loop: "Right before you're about to start your freshman year of high school. You're just lost. That was how I felt."

So why would Ben choose to let TV viewers witness what most people would insist on keeping private?

"That's why I did it: for people who do it privately," Ben, now 17, replies. "I thought if they saw it from a child's point of view and saw how the child is dealing with it, they'll understand that it happens and they're not alone." □

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## Comic Lewis Black personifies Anger in Pixar's 'Inside Out'



Lewis Black is seen at the Los Angeles premiere of "Inside Out" at the El Capitan Theatre on Monday, June 8, 2015.

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**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — When Pixar artists were conceptualizing the character of Anger for the upcoming film "Inside Out," writer-director Pete Docter suggested they consider the

voice and movements of comedian Lewis Black.

"I used him as an example of the fun we could have with casting," Docter said. Then, he invited the rant-tastic comic to actually play the role.

"I think I would have been insulted" had they not, Black said.

The 66-year-old comedian, known for his angry, ranting delivery style, said he's an obvious choice to play the Pixar character: A squat, blockish red man whose head lights up in flames when he's mad.

Black's Anger stars alongside Fear (Bill Hader), Disgust (Mindy Kaling), Sadness (Phyllis Smith) and Joy (Amy Poehler) in the much-anticipated animated feature out June 19.

But the comic said he didn't learn much from getting inside of Anger.

"It gave me a sense of the nuances of anger, but I've spent a lot of time doing anger," he said. "I mean, my mother was angry. My

grandfather was angry. I've been around anger all my life."

In fact, he had to take things down a notch to

play the Pixar role.

"There was a tone-down of it," Black said. "It's more like office anger as opposed to I've-had-it anger." □





# Jack Wagner talks acting alongside his ex on new TV show

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — Jack Wagner doesn't need to roll with an entourage. He shows up to a recent interview by himself.

A celebrity without a team of people including groomers, publicists, assistants and managers trailing behind is a rarity these days.

"I stopped that a while ago. I had an entourage in the '80s because it's just what I needed. It depends where your level of fame is or where your career is and what you're promoting but, today,

I'm really comfortable with who I am as a person and I can actually find an address, I can show up there and if I get lost I ask someone, you know, where are the elevators and it's OK," he joked.

To a large swath of '80s TV fans, Wagner is Frisco Jones from ABC's "General Hospital." He stopped being a regular cast member in 1988 but has returned for the periodic arc, most recently in 2013 for the show's 50th anniversary.

"There is this real core fan base for that show and to play a character that is still remembered, I look at it as a gift. Back then you didn't have social media or so many channels to watch and people would watch 'General Hospital,'" said Wagner, who was also on the '90s hit "Melrose Place" and has performed on Broadway.

These days the 55-year-old stars on Hallmark Channel's series "When Calls the Heart" alongside Lori Loughlin.

He appeared in season one and was bumped up to a fulltime cast member for season two, which airs its two-hour season finale on Saturday at 8 p.m. EDT. Wagner plays Bill Avery, a forensic investigator in 19th century Canada looking into a counterfeit scheme. His character is mysterious in that you don't know if



In this April 30, 2015 photo, musician John Fogerty poses for a portrait in New York. Fogerty has a tour called 1969 and a memoir, "Fortunate Son: My Life, My Music," expected in October.

Associated Press

he's part of the scheme or really trying to solve it.

The other story for his character is the love triangle with Loughlin's character Abigail and his wife, Nora, played by none other than his real-life ex-wife Kristina Wagner (and TV ex-wife on "General Hospital," Felicia Jones.)

"It was very frightening to work together again.

We know each other from that one format which is 'General Hospital' and we knew exactly what to do there.

These are new characters. But we really worked through it and we have a great chemistry."

Wagner laughs when it's pointed out that not everyone would want to work with their ex.

"I can't say we lined up to do it," he confesses.

At a cast dinner, Bill Abbott, the president and CEO of Hallmark asked him, 'What do you think of working with Felicia?' I said, 'Do you mean (my ex-wife) Kristina?' He said, 'I don't know her name. I just know I want Frisco and Felicia on this show.'"

Their sons (ages 24 and 20) aren't that fazed by mom and dad working together. "It's like, 'Oh yeah, cool. You guys look great. What's for dinner?'" he jokes. □



In this March 20, 2013 file photo, Jack Wagner attends the Norma Jean Gala in Los Angeles.

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## John Fogerty feels like 'Fortunate Son' with upcoming memoir

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — After nibbling on a few finger sandwiches at teatime, John Fogerty now feels energized to talk about his upcoming memoir and summer concert tour.

Aptly called "1969," the 41-city tour represents that prolific year for Creedence Clearwater Revival: They released three albums — and Fogerty wrote one of the most profound protests songs of all time.

"Fortunate Son" took a harsh look at America's inequities during the military draft for the Vietnam War. "It just seemed like the young male sons of rich people were managing to escape being drafted or at least being sent to places that weren't dangerous," Fogerty recently told the Associated Press.

Instead, the poor and middle class were shipped overseas to fight in the war. "I really took a harsh look at that," the Army veteran said.

Ironically, Fogerty decided to name his memoir after the song. Published by Little Brown, "Fortunate Son: My

Life, My Music" comes out in October.

While the 70-year-old Fogerty feels a little funny about it, he finds the title is appropriate is a different way.

"The words still mean what they mean and yet to call my own book 'Fortunate Son' is certainly some sort of a leap," he said.

"As I a kid I wanted to make music and dreamed about being like my musical heroes and eventually it came true.

I have become very fortunate, so that's my take on the use of the phrase now." Until then, Fogerty is on tour, playing a very Creedence-heavy set, but it wasn't always like that. Legal troubles with his band and record label soured him on playing songs from his old band. In the 1980s, he was sued by record label, Fantasy Records for copying his own song. They claimed his 1985 hit "The Old Man Down the Road" ripped off "Run Through the Jungle." Both were written by Fogerty, but the label owned the copyright. A jury sided with Fogerty.

There was also bad blood

with his former band mates, including his brother Tom, who passed away in 1990, over control of the band and a variety of issues. They were also in court over royalties owed to Fogerty by performing his songs.

The problems were so intense that when the band was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1993, Fogerty refused to perform with them.

Now with those dark days behind him, Fogerty feels the book will come out at the right time.

"It's no longer about having an axe to grind. If you asked me 15 years ago it might have been quite different.

A lot of stuff happened to me in show business and my personal life and there were certainly periods where I was pretty angry and pretty bitter," Fogerty said.

Now that his life is at peace —he's now happily married and plays music with his sons Shane and Tyler — Fogerty has no plans to reunite with remaining members of the band.

"Through the years I have left that question open. □ I



# Black film festival shifts focus to Web as options expand

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — As scrutiny continues over diversity in film and opportunities for African Americans in Hollywood, some black actors and producers are looking to another avenue where they see growth — the Web.

Success stories like Issa Rae, whose “Awkward Black Girl” Internet comedy series was so successful she received a development deal with HBO, have opened the door for others who may have found more traditional avenues in Hollywood closed. So as the American Black Film Festival opened in New York this week for its 19th year, it has turned its focus to the Web. “Degrassi” star Andrea Lewis is among those finding more exposure on the Internet. Used to being the only black person on set, when Lewis was not getting the roles she wanted, she decided not going to wait. “Instead of wondering where the next opportunity can come, I said, ‘I am going to come up with it and do it myself,’” Lewis said. She took to the Web with her comedy series “Black Actress,” sharing the narrative of black women trying to make it in the industry. The 10- to 20-minute episodes include the storyline of a young women go-



In this Sept. 7, 2011 file photo, producer, director and writer Issa Rae, creator of the YouTube series “The Misadventures of Awkward Black Girl,” poses for a photo at her home in Los Angeles. Associated Press

ing on auditions, woven in with real-life interviews from actresses such as Tatyana Ali and “Powers” Naturi Naughton. They discuss the lack of significant roles offered, and the struggle to live creatively. Lewis said she created “Black Actress” after she was introduced as the “urban one” by a cast mem-

ber.

“I was seen as the black one on the set, not as a peer or another actor who is trying to work,” she said. “It was an uncomfortable experience for me and also for the others who were there.”

Now Lewis is writing, producing and acting on her own terms. She is working

on three other Web series and a feature film with Jungle Wild Productions.

For her, the Internet offers “creative freedom and there is no gatekeeper on what you can put out with your team.”

Her show is featured as a part of the festival’s “2015 Web Originals” panel. Other events at ABFF, which runs until Sunday, include the New York premiere of “Dope” and a conversation with ABFF ambassador and “Empire” star Taraji P. Henson.

Jeff Friday, co-founder of the ABFF, said using the Internet and social media is an easy way for young actors and producers to get themselves out there and create content.

“You’ve got to try to take your own destiny in your own hands and there is no excuse now,” he said.

Rae, the creator and star of “Awkward Black Girl” and the HBO-ordered pilot “Insecure,” is joining Andrea Lewis and the creators of website BlackandSexy.tv, Numa Perrier and Dennis Dortch, for the panel “How to Create and Monetize a Successful Web Series.”

Rae said events like these are important at ABFF because “a lot of people don’t know how to get started and how to make money.”

Rae’s success comes after

creating multiple web series and producing other projects with her company, Color Creative.

“I got into this industry initially as a fan and to be able to use my platform to support other up-and-coming artists that I am a fan of. That’s an ideal situation for me,” she said. When she created her first Web series in 2007, her main concern was creating more roles for black women and creating content for the type of humor she enjoyed.

“I never thought that anyone would really pay to see my work online,” Rae said. BuzzFeed actress and comedian Quinta Brunson, known as Quinta B., started with posting funny self-made videos on Vine and Instagram. Now she is making videos for a major media company on topics such as the perks of being short, the struggle to gain weight and the best free bread at restaurants.

She said she is able to express herself as a writer and comedian that she would not be able to do anywhere else.

“The thing I like the most about BuzzFeed is I do the kind of video where it’s just me being a person,” Brunson said, “especially as a black women, I appreciate the freedom to decide who I’ll be rather than being told who I will be.”

## YouTube to launch app, site dedicated to gaming

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**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — YouTube is seeking to win over gamers.

The online video giant announced plans ahead of next week’s Electronic Entertainment Expo to launch a separate app and site specifically for fans of video games.

YouTube product manager Alan Joyce said in a statement Friday that YouTube Gaming will be a destination for users to find gaming videos, live streams and Internet personalities.

The app and site will feature individual pages dedicated to more than 25,000 games.

Joyce noted that if a user began searching for the word “call” on the YouTube Gaming app, the military shooter “Call of Duty,” not the Carly Rae Jepsen tune “Call Me Maybe” would appear first.

YouTube will also seek to make it easier for users to broadcast live and competitive gaming, known as e-sports, by creating singular links that can be shared and removing the need to

schedule a broadcast.

“When I look at where YouTube is weaker in the gaming content space, I think live and e-sports,” said Ryan Wyatt, YouTube’s global head of gaming content, in an interview last month. “In the coming weeks, you’re going to see us make improvements to our live product, and we do want to invest in e-sports from a content perspective. In some ways, it’s still nascent, but there is something to say about the future of e-sports, and we definitely want to be part



This photo provided by YouTube shows YouTube Gaming, a new app and site specifically aimed at gamers launching this summer.

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of it.”

The move by Google-owned YouTube takes direct aim at Twitch, the

gaming-centric streaming video site acquired by Amazon last year for nearly \$1 billion.



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